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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMACK,

FOR THE

Year Ending March, 1868.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

WHOLE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS & RECEIPTS.

State, county, town, school and school house tax,	$9263 67	
Rec'd of State Savings Bank tax,	625 77	
Railroad tax,	1182 63	
Literary Fund,	42 15	
Government bounty,	440 00	
Bounty on Siberian Lynx,	1 00	
County,	15 00	
Dog tax,	47 00	
		$11,617 22

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	2687 50	
County tax,	803 46	
		$3490 96

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX.

Dist. No. 1, C. G. Lawrence,	77 01	
" 2, F. Nichols,	73 82	
" 3, J. B. Johnson.	185 91	
" 4, N. H. Brown,	95 10	
" 5, C. A. Holt,	66 96	
" 6, H. Hunt,	60 96	
" 7, W. Moore,	84 01	
" 8, A. McC. Wilkins,	82 99	
" 9, I. Herrick,	136 19	
" 10, E. P. Parkhurst,	27 61	
" 11, J. L. Bowers,	79 32	
" 12, I. W. Sanderson,	40 56	
Schoolhouse No. 3, Walker & Parker,	200 00	
" No. 4, Parker, Kennard & Brown,	50 00	
" " 6, T. J. Foster,	7 86	
		$1268 30

PAID OLD BILLS OF '66—7.

I. C. Shedd, breaking roads,	6 00	
A. Holt, " "	7 56	
J. Severns, snowing bridge, '65, '66, '67,	4 50	
A. Harris, " " "	12 00	
J. M. Richardson, " "	3 00	
H. Lawrence, " " "	7 00	
Walter Reed, " " "	23 97	
F. F. Walker, expenses to pay S. tax,	5 00	
J. L. Spalding, " "	10 50	
J. Stone, for sup'g Mrs. Kittredge,	12 00	
A. Estey,	15 00	
T. J. Foster,	3 00	
Wm. McAffee,	2 25	
G. F. Hill,	40 41	
A. A. Junkins,	17 85	
J. K. Bowers,	15 15	
H. T. I. Blood, abatement '65,	5 32	
F. F. Walker, " '66,	38 12	
B. M. Hill, for order given '64 and lost,	7 89	
S. Kenney,	1 65	
F. F. Walker,	23 79	
R. Blood,	13 80	
		$275 76

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

R. Blood,	5 00
Sargent & Cross,	29 87
R. H. Center,	7 31
L. Kendall,	10 05
S. N. Nesmith,	3 75
S. W. Moore,	2 50
J. Blanchard,	4 57
A. Estey,	5 26
B. H. Hills,	16 72
G. W. Drew,	1 57
Wm. Goodwin,	7 23
E. D. Franklin,	31 25
H. J. Wilson,	2 50
W. Reed,	8 00
J. L. Spalding and others,	95 20
M. Truell,	1 50
I. C. Crooker,	13 67
E. P. Parkhurst,	21 28
W. Parker,	15 50

R. H. Pratt,	11 75	
R. Blood,	5 00	
		$299 48

POOR OFF THE FARM.

R. P. Leonard,	26 00	
J. L. Spalding, Litchfield, S. W. Hay,	30 14	
J. L. Spalding, J. Stone for Mrs. Kittredge,	29 75	
Martin & Denovy, county pauper,	15 00	
Wm. Goodwin, sexton Mrs. Kittredge,	2 50	
S. C. Anderson, J. B. Fields & Laro,	43 38	
J. L. Spalding, G. W. Sargent,	41 75	
		$188 52

ABATEMENTS, 1867.

Pennichuck Water Co.,	13 47	
J. B. Johnson,	1 93	
Wid. P. Wheeler,	1 93	
Anna Harris,	6 12	
W. Kittredge,	1 93	
J. S. Manning,	96	
A. Hood,	4 62	
S. B. Morse,	36 96	
J. Hunter,	4 62	
		$72 54

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

J. L. Spalding, Insurance at T. Farm,	23 50	
T. M. King, pub. watering trough,	3 00	
N. P. Greene, printing reports, 1866,	40 00	
" " books and stationery,	17 07	
R. H. Pratt, labor at cemetery,	4 70	
J. L. Spalding, expenses and counsel,	11 50	
		$99 77

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. B. Spalding, T. Clerk,	20 00	
S. Fuller, T. Treasurer,	15 00	
J. L. Spalding, Selectman, overseer of Poor,	98 00	
W. Parker, "	70 00	
W. Reed, "	34 00	
S. B. Moore, Collector,	85 00	
J. L. Spalding, Superintend. School Com.,	50 00	
		$372 00

RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM.

Mr. Rideout, 6 doz. eggs,	2 04
Mrs. Barr, 6½ " "	1 56
P. Haley, 16½ bush. potatoes,	9 90
" 8 doz. eggs,	1 92
T. Collins, 14 1-5 bush. potatoes,	8 52
Mr. Perry, 2½ lbs. cheese,	50
L. Fisher, 517 " hay,	7 75
Mr. Fradd, 16 doz. eggs,	4 00
" 8¾ lbs. butter,	2 34
L. Fisher, 5 turkey eggs,	25
" 16 lbs. butter,	4 80
D. Jones, 6 bush. potatoes,	3 00
County for transient persons,	5 50
T. J. Laton, 2 calves,	20 00
" 25 lbs. butter,	7 00
Mr. Collins, 3 bush. potatoes,	1 80
" 5 " "	4 17
" 11 lbs. butter,	3 00
Mr. Wilson, 6 doz. eggs,	1 32
Daggett & Cross, 31 lbs. butter,	8 68
" " 33 "	9 57
" " cherries,	3 15
S. A. Shepard, 1 pair steers,	195 00
J. Reed, 13 lbs. butter,	3 90
H. Bush, 6 doz. eggs,	1 50
" 5 lbs. butter,	1 47
" chickens and potatoes,	2 00
Mr. Hartshorn, 14 fowls,	7 25
Mr. Harris, 12 lbs. pork,	2 00
J. Reed, 7 lbs. butter,	2 10
Burke & Taylor, berries,	1 45
Mr. Couch, 4½ bbls. cider,	45 00
L. Fisher, for use of horse,	2 25
Mr. Couch, for apples,	5 83
Mrs. Hoit, 4 bush. rye,	6 00
J. L. Spalding, 2 bush. rye,	3 00
Mr. Hartshorn, 22 fowls,	11 00
Mr. Roby, 7 bush. rye,	10 50
Mr. Couch, 7 bbls. apples,	20 00
W. M. " 1 " "	4 00
J. Fuller, 52 lbs. butter,	16 64
" 18 " cheese,	2 88
H. C. Merrill, 3 bbls. apples,	10 75
N. Parker, 1 " "	5 00
C. Balch, 1 " "	5 00

McAlister & Marden, 10 bbls. apples,	26 25
Mr. Kimball, 2 " "	8 00
N. Parker, 1 " "	5 00
W. M. Parker, 2 " "	9 00
Mr. Atwood, " "	4 50
Mr. Ramsdell, 2 " "	9 00
Mr. Sanderson, ash log,	3 00
L. Fisher, rye straw,	20
Mr. Pattee, 10½ bush. rye,	18 37
Mr. Wilson, 2 bbls. apples,	7 00
" 1 bush. cranberries,	3 50
Mr. Merrill, 40 gals. cider,	8 75
W. M., 26 " "	5 70
Mr. Clough, 40 " "	8 75
D. Sweatt, 40 " "	8 75
L. Fisher, ½ bush. rye,	87
S. C. Nesmith, 10 gal. cider,	2 00
L. E. F., horse bating,	1 00
W. M., 30½ lbs. butter,	12 20
Mr. Clough, 1 bbl. apples,	4 00
" " 2½ doz. eggs,	95
D. Sweatt, 2 bbls. Apples,	7 50
" 1¼ bush. cranberries,	4 25
Hartshorn, 27 turkeys,	40 00
C. Dodge, 1 bush. rye,	1 75
H. W. Green, 1 cow,	40 00
D. Jones, apples,	5 00
Mr. Perry, labor and oxen,	5 50
Mr. Townes, ½ bbl. cider,	3 50
Mr. Merrill & Co., 38½ lbs. poultry,	7 70
G. Stearns, 10 bush. rye,	17 70
Hartshorn, horse bating,	25
Merrill & Co., 458 lbs. pork,	45 80
W. U. Gage, 124 lbs. beef,	15 50
H. Eaton, 1 bush. rye,	1 75
Benj. F. Cotton, rye straw,	129 00
Pattee, 42 bush. rye,	73 72
S. Nesmith, 2 bush. rye,	3 30
S. C. Anderson, cow hide,	5 76
Mrs. Longa, 75 lbs. S. pork,	12 75
J. Fuller, pasturing,	6 00
J. B. Fuller, 9 bush. potatoes,	9 90
" 2 " cranberries,	6 00
" 3 doz. eggs,	1 05
J. M. Wilkins, 1 bush. beans,	3 75
F. Nichols, 17 lbs. beef,	2 04

R. Fuller, diff. in cattle,	118 00	
J. B. Eastman, old boiler,	1 00	
For board of Mr. Green,	2 00	
		$1192 55

EXPENDITURES.

I. Parker, labor, and use of sled,	4 00
C. H. Nutt, grass seed, &c.,	15 58
W. Parker, 5 bush. oats,	4 00
G. S. Parkhurst, 1 days labor,	1 75
J. Damond, shoes,	1 30
Kimball, for prints,	45
H. Green, wool,	67
Towl, labor,	12 75
For cracker,	25
I. Parker, 3 bush.,	1 65
Shoeing horse,	1 40
Weston,	50
Bradford,	50
Merrill & Barr, grain,	11 33
Mr. Collins, meat and fish,	2 00
Repairing shoes,	15
D. Marshall, 6 days work,	4 50
Seed onions,	37
Grinding grain,	10 21
Barr, for plough, irons and sickle,	2 52
Crosby, for paint,	50
J. Melady, reaping,	13 75
2 Frenchmen, reaping,	27 50
Cradle scythe,	1 50
Spring "	80
Mr. Shattuck, ½ bush. salt,	48
H. Bush, haying and reaping	39 75
E. Gardner, labor,	19 12
Seatt, 8¾ bush. corn,	13 13
Cart timber,	75
Goodwin, for threshing,	2 75
Burr, for potatoes,	1 75
Mr, Gage, 2 pigs,	5 25
I. Parker, use of wagon,	50
Basket,	75
Mr. Couch, barrels and groceries,	1 40
Taxes in Amherst,	1 33
Fisher, rennet,	25
J. Hartshorn, labor,	5 00
Butter firkins and casks,	4 10

For repairing wagon,	2 75	
Pattee, 1 bbl flour.	13 50	
Foster, use of bull,	2 40	
Melendy, repairing pipe,	75	
Mr. Walker, 1 yearling,	18 00	
W. Parker, "	21 00	
Fisher, butchering,	50	
F. & Parker, ½ bush. salt,	45	
A. Savage, pair cattle,	195 00	
J. K. Marshall, labor,	22 50	
Tupper, oil and can,	1 30	
Bailey, repairing shoes,	12	
Perry, labor and use of wagon,	2 75	
Goodrich, for zinc,	2 38	
Abbot & Co., lime,	85	
Fuller, use of C. Mill,	3 25	
J. Batchelder, labor,	6 00	
S. C. Nesmith, filing saw,	15	
C. M. Merrill, opium and medicine,	8 98	
J. W. White, " "	9 41	
J. Stickney, labor,	1 25	
F. Nichols, butchering,	25	
W. U. Gage, sawing 8071 ft. lumber,	28 25	
S. C. Anderson, store goods,	60 00	
G. F. Stearns, " "	90 00	
Goodwin,	50	
Potash,	1 14	
Repairing wagon,	1 00	
G. F. Stearns, store goods,	64 67	
Osgood, blacksmith work,	10 71	
Boutwell, meat,	97	
W. Parker, yoke,	1 25	
Reed & Lovejoy, store good,	11 63	
Mr. Joy, repairing harness,	2 75	
Eastman, for boiler,	6 78	
S. C. Anderson, store goods,	36 40	
Fosdick, blacksmith work,	2 50	
Gilm. Co. insurance,	8 39	
Sleigh,	18 00	
Salary of Superintendent,	300 00	
		$1174 65
Cash receipts,	1192 55	
Expenditures,	1174 65	
In favor of farm,		$17 90

Labor on roads and bridges,	10 20	
" teaming lumber,	44 28	
Cash balance,	17 90	
		$72 38
Cash paid by order,		60 00
Balance in favor of farm,		$12 38

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT FARM.

1 horse,	100 00	
1 pair oxen,	215 00	
1 pair steers,	110 00	
5 cows,	250 00	
4 two years old,	120 00	
3 yearlings,	50 00	
2 shoats,	25 00	
21 fowls and turkeys,	16 10	
		$886 10

HAY AND GRAIN.

10 tons English hay,	230 00	
Run hay and corn fodder,	20 00	
41 bush. rye,	65 60	
42 " oats,	33 60	
55 " corn,	82 50	
Lot seed corn,	4 00	
Pop corn,	1 00	
2½ bush. beans,	8 00	
½ bush. grass seed,	2 50	
		$447 20

PROVISIONS.

1½ bbls. pork,	51 00	
200 lbs. ham,	34 00	
133 " beef,	23 00	
55 " fresh beef,	9 00	
78 " sausages,	7 60	
35 bush. potatoes,	75 00	
Turnips and carrots,	1 50	
4½ bbls. cider,	23 00	
24 galls. vinegar,	6 00	
3 bbls. apples, 8 00 ; 5½ doz. eggs, 1 65,	9 65	
40 lbs. cheese, 6 40 ; 3 galls. pickles, 1 20,	7 60	
25 lbs. butter, 10 00 ; 1 bbl. flour, 13 50,	23 50	
1 " rye flour,	10 00	
½ " rye and Indian meal,	2 25	
38 lbs. lard,	7 60	
6 lbs. suet, 84 ; 3 galls. molasses, 2 10,	2 94	
Spices, 2 00 ; 3 lbs. saleratas, 36,	2 36	

1 lb. tea, 1 25; 15 lb. sugar, 2 10,	3 35	
1-2 bush. cranberries, 1 50; 1 box salt, 45,	1 95	
1-2 bush. salt, 45; 4 bush cob meal, 3 20,	3 65	
80 lbs. dried apple, 11 20; 7 lbs. cod fish, 51,	11 71	
		$316 66

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

75 galls. soap,	13 00	
30 lbs. tallow & candles,	4 20	
Neats' oil, 25; 1-2 gall. kerosene oil, 30,	55	
6 lbs. grease, 50; 2 lbs. tobacco, 1 50,	2 00	
Bar soap, 25; 1-8 gross matches, 30,	55	
		$20 30

Total value of personal property at the almshouse, Feb. 18th 1868,	1670 26
" " 16th 1867,	1476 02
Increase since 1867,	$194 24
Balance on cash account,	12 38
Increase,	$206 62

In the expenditures are included sixty-eight dollars for tools, clothing and repairs on building.

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of assessments and receipts,		$11617 22
Paid State and County,	3490 96	
Schools and school-houses,	1268 30	
Old bill,	275 76	
Roads and bridges,	299 48	
Poor off the farm,	188 52	
Abatements,	72 54	
Incidentals,	99 77	
Town officers,	372 00	
C. G. Lawrence, bounty on S. lynx,	1 00	
Total amount,		$6068 33
Balance in favor of town,		$5548 89
In treasury, '67,		976 35
Paid into treasury by selectmen,		157 20
Amount in treasury,		$6682 44
Paid debts by order and receipts,		2967 88
Balance in treasury, March 1, '68,		$3714 56
Borrowed of Banks,	19000 00	
Paid notes, interest and to treasurer,	19000 00	

Total indebtedness, March 1st, '68,	$32357 75
Balance in treasury, March 1st, '68,	3714 56
	$28643 19
Amount under temporary injunction, Mar. 1, '68,	8019 44
Whole indebtedness exclusive of injunction debt,	$20623 75
Amount due from bank tax none received,	432 32
Total debt over assets, March 1st, '68,	$20191 43

REMARKS.

The financial standing of our town is a subject of anxious concern to all tax-payers, and should be looked after with a scrupulous regard for the soonest extinguishment of the debt consistent with our means. The figures in the foregoing report present the actual amount of which we have any knowledge of the liabilities of the town; eighteen thousand dollars of which being funded, requiring interest to be paid semi-annually, and ten per cent. of the principal annually, or more if the town shall choose. An outlay was necessary for plank on some of the bridges, all of which are now we believe in passable condition; though many places in our roads should be further repaired as soon as time and season will admit. The amount raised to repair our highways is either injudiciously applied or quite inadequate for that purpose. In presenting to you the affairs at our alms-house we feel confident of not having over estimated or valued the property at present there, and it will be seen that our town farm has been a source of actual income to the town, the two past years, through the economical and orderly management of the present superintendents, who have most faithfully discharged their obligations to their contract, and have restored prosperity and abundance at the farm, where there has formerly been destitution and mismanagement, and have replaced from the expenditures for deterioration of tools and household furniture, necessary to keep the institution in good repair and running condition, and their services obtained for another year, by additional pay, with nothing in prospect known to hinder the future being as successful as the past has been satisfactory. The present number at the farm is five, who appear contented and happy, and have expressed feelings of entire satisfaction with the care and treatment bestowed upon them.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. SPALDING,
WARD PARKER,
WALTER REED, } Selectmen of Merrimack.

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